

the choice. There is 25 people that want to add a member and, obviously, I think I will turn my attention onto the larger role of the Public Service Commission through the summer and that's where the major policy issues will be. I support the Withem amendment and hope that we can have this bill successfully moved across. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Further discussion on the amendment, Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, Senator Withem, could you yield to one question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Certainly.

SENATOR WITEK: We're changing the number from 11 people on the committee to 12, it's an even number, do you think that will pose any problems at all?

SPEAKER WITHEM: No, I really don't and...no, I really don't. Commissions like this don't succeed if they end up with a lot of six to six votes or six to five votes. They need to operate by consensus, so I don't think the number 11 or 12 makes a difference as far as that's concerned.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Any further discussion? I am sorry. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to LB 265. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 (sic) ayes, 29 ayes, excuse me, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill? Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I'd move to advance LB 265 to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the motion to advance the bill. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. It is advanced.